

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Canceled).

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): The ~~copolymer~~ method according to claim ~~[[1]]~~ 11, ~~which~~ wherein the copolymer comprises, in copolymerized form, as component (A1), at least two monomers selected from the group consisting of monoethylenically unsaturated C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-monocarboxylic acids, ~~of~~ monoethylenically unsaturated C<sub>4</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-dicarboxylic acids, anhydrides of monoethylenically unsaturated C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-monocarboxylic acids, anhydrides of ~~momoethylenically~~ monoethylenically unsaturated C<sub>4</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-dicarboxylic acids, salts of monoethylenically unsaturated C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-monocarboxylic acids, salts of momoethylenically unsaturated C<sub>4</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-dicarboxylic acids, and combinations thereof.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): The ~~copolymer according to~~ method of claim ~~[[1]]~~ 11, ~~which~~ wherein the copolymer is made up only of the monomers (A1).

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): The ~~copolymer according to~~ method of claim ~~[[1]]~~ 11, ~~which~~ wherein the copolymer comprises, in copolymerized form, as the monomers (A1), methacrylic acid, acrylic acid, maleic acid, or combinations thereof.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): The ~~copolymer according to~~ method of claim ~~[[1]]~~ 11, ~~which~~ wherein the copolymer comprises, in copolymerized form, as the monomers (A1), methacrylic acid and acrylic acid in the molar ratio 9:1 to 1:2.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): ~~The copolymer according to~~ method of claim ~~[[1]]~~ 11, wherein the component (B) comprises 2-aminoethanesulfonic acid, a salt of 2-aminoethanesulfonic acid, or a combination thereof.

Claims 7-9 (Canceled).

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): ~~A composition comprising the copolymer of~~ The method of claim ~~[[1]]~~ 11, wherein the composition additionally comprises ~~[[and]]~~ at least one additive selected from the group consisting of a gelatin, a polyvinyl alcohol, a polyvinylpyrrolidone, a polyethylene oxide, cellulose, starch, sodium tripolyphosphate, sodium carbonate, sodium disilicate, sodium percarbonate, tetraacetylenediamine, a low-foam nonionic surfactant, sodium chloride, sodium sulfate, a polyacrylic acid sodium salt, and combinations thereof.

Claim 11 (Currently Amended): A method of cleaning dishware comprising, cleaning the dishware with ~~the composition of claim 10~~ a composition which comprises a copolymer comprising

(A1) 70 to 100 mol% of at least two different monoethylenically unsaturated carboxylic acid monomers and

(A2) 0 to 30 mol% of one or more nonionic monomers,  
which have been reacted with

(B) 5 to 30 mol%, based on the amidatable functional groups present in the copolymer of the monomers (A1) and optionally (A2), of an amino-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>2</sub>-alkanesulfonic acid, a salt of an amino-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>2</sub>-alkanesulfonic acid, or a combination thereof.

Claim 12 (Currently Amended): The ~~composition~~ method of claim 10, wherein the at least one additive comprises a low-foam nonionic surfactant.

Claim 13 (Canceled).

Claim 14 (Currently Amended): The ~~copolymer~~ method of claim 3, which comprises, in copolymerized form, as the monomers (A1), methacrylic acid, acrylic acid, maleic acid, or combinations thereof.

Claim 15 (Canceled).

Claim 16 (Currently Amended): The ~~copolymer~~ method of claim 3, which comprises, in copolymerized form, as [[as]] the monomers (A1), methacrylic acid and acrylic acid in the molar ratio 9:1 to 1:2.

Claims 17-21 (Canceled).

Claim 22 (New): The method according to claim 11, wherein cleaning is carried out in a machine dishwasher.

Claim 23 (New): A method comprising rinsing dishware in a machine dishwasher with, as a rinse aid, a composition which comprises a copolymer comprising

(A1) 70 to 100 mol% of at least two different monoethylenically unsaturated carboxylic acid monomers and

(A2) 0 to 30 mol% of one or more nonionic monomers,

which have been reacted with

- (B) 5 to 30 mol%, based on the amidatable functional groups present in the copolymer of the monomers (A1) and optionally (A2), of an amino-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>2</sub>-alkanesulfonic acid, a salt of an amino-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>2</sub>-alkanesulfonic acid, or a combination thereof.

Claim 24 (New): The method according to claim 23, wherein the copolymer comprises, in copolymerized form, as component (A1), at least two monomers selected from the group consisting of monoethylenically unsaturated C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-monocarboxylic acids, of monoethylenically unsaturated C<sub>4</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-dicarboxylic acids, anhydrides of monoethylenically unsaturated C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-monocarboxylic acids, anhydrides of monoethylenically unsaturated C<sub>4</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-dicarboxylic acids, salts of monoethylenically unsaturated C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-monocarboxylic acids, salts of monoethylenically unsaturated C<sub>4</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-dicarboxylic acids, and combinations thereof.

Claim 25 (New): The method of claim 23, wherein the copolymer is made up only of the monomers (A1).

Claim 26 (New): The method of claim 23, wherein the copolymer comprises, in copolymerized form, as the monomers (A1), methacrylic acid, acrylic acid, maleic acid, or combinations thereof.

Claim 27 (New): The method of claim 23, wherein the copolymer comprises, in copolymerized form, as the monomers (A1), methacrylic acid and acrylic acid in the molar ratio 9:1 to 1:2.

Claim 28 (New): The method of claim 23, wherein the component (B) comprises 2-aminoethanesulfonic acid, a salt of 2-aminoethanesulfonic acid, or a combination thereof.

Claim 29 (New): A composition which comprises the following (1) and (2):

(1) a copolymer comprising

(A1) 70 to 100 mol% of at least two different monoethylenically unsaturated carboxylic acid monomers and

(A2) 0 to 30 mol% of one or more nonionic monomers,

which have been reacted with

(B) 5 to 30 mol%, based on the amidatable functional groups present in the copolymer of the monomers (A1) and optionally (A2), of an amino-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>2</sub>-alkanesulfonic acid, a salt of an amino-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>2</sub>-alkanesulfonic acid, or a combination thereof, and

(2) at least one additive selected from the group consisting of a gelatin, a polyvinyl alcohol, a polyvinylpyrrolidone, a polyethylene oxide, cellulose, starch, sodium tripolyphosphate, sodium carbonate, sodium disilicate, sodium percarbonate, tetraacetythylenediamine, a low-foam nonionic surfactant, sodium chloride, sodium sulfate, a polyacrylic acid sodium salt, and combinations thereof.

Claim 30 (New): The composition of claim 29, wherein the at least one additive comprises a low-foam nonionic surfactant.